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In re Patent Application of)

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Application No.: 09/101,341)

Filed: July 8, 1998)

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES)
INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN)
QUESTION)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 16, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-17 and 19 as follows.

1. A method of producing polysaccharide fibers, comprising the steps of dissolving a polysaccharide in a solvent, thereby forming a solution, and spraying the solution into a bath which contains a water-miscible organic solvent and a cross-linker, wherein the solvent dissolving the polysaccharide is water.